

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 556 - SB 482

February 18, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages local education agencies (LEAs) to develop Education Pays pilot programs for at-risk students. Pilot programs will give monetary rewards for academic achievement and may be funded through private organizations. Encourages the State Board of Education (SBOE) to study the effects any such programs in Tennessee and from other states and report its findings to the Education Committees of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

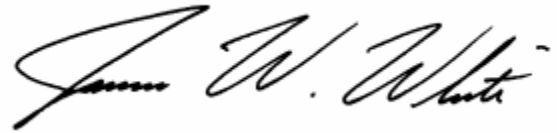
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive

Assumptions:

- LEAs will use private funds for any monetary incentive for pilot programs. Any increase in local expenditures to monitor and implement a pilot program is estimated to be not significant and will be permissive.
- According to the SBOE, a study of pilot programs in other states will take place primarily through on-line research. Any increase in state expenditures to study programs in Tennessee will be dependent upon how many LEAs begin pilot programs and is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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